THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I have already answered that ordinary lands are given free to landless poor. Only lands which are very near big towns and cities, and lands which have irrigation facilities, are given either on market value or sold in public auction."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister has made it clear that only lands near big towns and cities are given on market value or sold in public auction. Will the Hon. Minister please send instructions to the local revenue officers to see that market value is not collected from the poor agricultural labourers when lands are given to them in places other than those near big towns and cities? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" What we do in the case of the poor is this. When poor people had reclaimed lands spending money and labour over them, we give those lands to the poor at a low market value—the market value that obtained before the lands were reclaimed."

SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO :—" Sir, in view of the fact that several applications for the assignment of lands are pending with each Collector, will the Government consider the question of appointing special staff to dispose of those applications? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir. It is being done whenever necessarv. When the applications are more than 500 and less than 1,000, we allow one extra lower division clerk, one revenue inspector and one peon. If the number should exceed 1,000, we allow two lower division clerks, two revenue inspectors and two peons."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" May I know, Sir, what types of land are classified as 'valuable'? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I have alreadv answered the question. I do not know what the hon. Member was doing then."

SRI G. NAGESWARA RAO :—" అయ్యా, ఇప్పుడు వ్యవసాయ కూలీలు ఎంతో డబ్బు ఖర్చుపెట్టి పెట్టుబళ్లుపెట్టి బంజరు భూములను సాగులోకి తెచ్చారు. ప్రభుత్వము యిప్పుడు బంజరు భూములను market value కు ఇస్తున్నప్పుడు, ఆ పెట్టుబళ్లను market value నుంచి మినహాయిస్తారా అని అడుగుచున్నాను."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" In such cases, I have alreadv said that increased market value is not collected. The market value that was obtaining before the land was reclaimed, is only collected."

Representations from the ryots of Tekkali taluk.

*218 Q.—SRI L. LAKSHMANA DAS: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the ryots of Tekkali taluk about the drought conditions

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prevailing in the taluk owing to the total failure of paddy crop during the current fasli on account of unfavourable climatic conditions and irregular monsoon; and

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) & (b) A petition from Sri Baidharo Mahapatro of Jagannathapuram village, Tekkali taluk, was received in February 1953 and it was forwarded to the Collector of Srikakulam for necessary action."

SRI L. LAKSHMANA DAS :—" In view of the fact that there was total failure of crops in Tekkali taluk during the present fasli, will the Government consider the question of full remission and other facilities to the ryots of Tekkali taluk?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government have already considered the question. They have postponed collection of kist for five years. They are collecting kist only for the current fasli, and the other one year's arrear is to be collected only from June to July."

SRI R. VENKATA JAGGA RAO :—" ఈ పండని ఊడ్పులు ఊడ్చకుండా ఉండేటువంటి భూములకు remission ఇవ్వడమనేది అటు ఉంచి, వీటికి నీటి తీరువా అనవసరంగా వసూలు చేస్తున్నారు. ఇది వసూలు చేయకుండునట్లుగా ప్రభుత్వము ఏమైనా ఆలోచిస్తుందా?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The hon. Member's Telugu is too intricate for me to understand."

Remission of revenue for Tekkali taluk.

* 219 *Q.*—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether any representations were received by the Government that remission be granted for Tekkali taluk, Srikakulam district, in view of the fact that crops have totally failed in that area and what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 218 put by Sri Lakshmana Das, M.L.A."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that the Tahsildar of Tekkali submitted a report to the Government that the crop was an entire failure and it was estimated to be less than two annas in the whole taluk? In view of this, will the Government consider the desirability of giving complete remission to that taluk?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The report is that the average outturn is six annas, and in cases where the outturn is less, the question of granting remission will be considered as per the Board's Standing Orders."